RESOLUTION NUMBER 136 SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists crossed the land border and began slaughtering Israelis and abducting hostages in towns in Southern Israel, including children and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, this heinous assault took place just after the 50th anniversary of the start of the multi-front 1973 Yom Kippur War against Israel; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, Hamas has launched over 4,500 rockets into central and southern Israel; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists have killed over 900 Israelis and injured more than 2,600 others; and

WHEREAS, at least 22 United States citizens in Israel are among those killed by Hamas; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, Hamas is directly responsible for the death of hundreds of Palestinians; and

WHEREAS, Hamas is a United States-designated terrorist organization; and

WHEREAS, Israel is a major non-NATO ally and major strategic partner of the United States; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this resolution will be distributed to the Congressional Delegation from Missouri.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that the Board of Aldermen stands in solidarity with Israel as it defends itself against the barbaric war launched by Hamas, and that the Board of Aldermen mourns the tragic loss of life and civilian casualties in Israel and Gaza. We further direct the Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Missouri Delegation from the 118th United States Congress.

Introduced this 20th day of October, 2023 by: The Honorable Thomas Oldenburg, Alderman 2nd Ward The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 13th Ward

Adopted the 20 th day of October 2023 as attested by:	
Terry Kennedy	Megan Green
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